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Report for Mistley Annual Parishioners Meeting April 2021

Despite the pandemic we have been able to develop our provision for the primary aged children in our community.

September saw the start of a new senior leadership team. This has brought leadership experience and capacity to our school. The senior leadership of the school is now:

Headteacher	Mr M Carter-Tufnell
Deputy Headteacher	Mr P Holton
Senior Leader	Mrs L Levett

In the autumn term, senior leaders introduced a number of new initiatives which build on the previous work of the school.

For the teaching of English, we now use an approach which has been very effective at another school in our trust, and schools across the country. This is known as The Write Stuff, for writing and Book Talk, for reading comprehension. To support the early learning of reading we have reorganised and developed the books that children take home to read and we are having training for staff.

The children's learning of mathematics is being supported through our use of the White Rose curriculum and resources. This is helping the children to develop key number knowledge and skills as well as the ability to reason through mathematical problems.

We have a new curriculum. This will enable children to learn about their locality and have a broad and deep knowledge across the whole curriculum and to develop the independence and other skills which they need for a successful transition to secondary school.

We are indebted to Councillor Carlo for enabling the children to benefit from ten thousand pounds from the locality fund. This has been spent on purchasing new 2in1 laptops and improving the IT infrastructure. These new resources are helping children with the learning, particularly those that have not been making good progress and/or have Special Educational Needs. This is because we have purchased specific learning programmes for these children. You can see a video of the presentation of the laptops here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRcoG0A18Rw&t=1s>

During the recent national lockdown we launched our virtual school and our YouTube Channel. All children were provided with at least four lessons a day which they could attend, virtually, either live or through them being recorded. Each lesson also had a learning activity. Children completed these, uploaded them and then their teachers looked at how well the children had done and gave them feedback. To the best of our knowledge, we were the only school in the area with this level of provision. More information about it can be found through the two links below:

https://www.mistleynormancofe.co.uk/curriculum-and-classes/virtual_school_and_remote_learning_provision/

<http://tiny.cc/mnyoutube>

As you can tell from this short report, the last twelve months have been a busy time for the school. They have seen the school improve, in a range of ways, and they have seen the school lay foundations on which to make further improvements – all for the good of the children and families in our area.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell
(Headteacher)